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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SODA ASH INVESTOR

1. MR. ROBERT HOLT, VICE PRESIDENT, EXPLORATION, GULF RESOURCES AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION IS ARRIVING GABORONE FROM JOHANNESBURG APRIL 9 AFTERNOON. HE HAS CORRESPONDED SEVERAL TIMES WITH PERM SEC OF MIN MINING BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. OPIC WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR HOLT WITH MINING MINISTRY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EMBASSY THINKS APPROPRIATE. HOLT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REVIEWING ALL AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION ON BRINE DEPOSIT AND PROJECT DESIGN FOR SUA PAN. GULF HAS SERIOUS INTEREST IN POSSIBLE INVESTMENT IN PROJECT. COMPANY IS ENGAGED IN ALL ASPECTS OF MINING INDUSTRY INCLUDING SODA ASH IN U.S. AND IS LOOKING VERY ACTIVELY FOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES OVERSEAS. REASON FOR INTEREST IN BOTSWANA PROJECT IS POSSIBILITY USING SODA ASH IN A PROJECT GULF CONSIDERING IN SOUTH AFRICA. HOLT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE GABORONE FOR JOBURG SATURDAY, APRIL 12. APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. INGERSOLL

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